

# WOODSDALE WEEKLY

Woodsdale School

120 Chestnut St Abington MA 02351



## APRIL BREAK



### Principal's Message

Dear Woodsdale Families,  
I'm proud of the efforts I saw from students throughout the week while taking the MCAS. There were focused testing environments throughout the school and the students persevered through a challenging task. I appreciate the efforts of our whole school (staff and students) to provide the supportive and focused environment..whether that was being extra quiet in line or writing messages of support on classroom whiteboards in the morning. I'm feeling very proud of our team!

Nominations for the Chester J. Millett Outstanding Teacher and Educational Support Personnel Award were sent out via email. If you would like to recognize one of our outstanding staff members, please take the time to do so. The link to this packet is available in our Links section on page 2.

Lastly, keep an eye out for information on Screen-Free week and our upcoming Spring pictures. Info will be sent home in backpacks next week!

ENJOY your April vacation, we're heading into the final stretch of the year with a ton to feel positive about!

- Mr. Hawes

### Calendar Update

Please be aware, there have been several updates to the Abington Public Schools calendar. As we close the year out, we've added early-release days. The updated calendar is linked below:

[Revised 2017-2018 School Calendar](#)

### Bus Applications

The Town of Abington has begun accepting transportation applications for next year. Please visit the Transportation Department website to download a copy of the application and be on the lookout for any updates.

[Transportation Department](#)

### Abington Rec

FYI- brochures for the Abington Park & Recreation Dept's summer activities are being sent home in backpacks and are available at the main office!

### Contact Us



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# Save the Date

- **April 16-20:** April Vacation
- **April 27:** Spring Portraits
- **April 30:** Early Release, Professional Development

## Morning Meeting Corner

One of the useful functions of Morning Meeting is that it serves as a place for us to deliver a consistent message school-wide. We'll be focusing on elements of bullying in our Morning Meetings when we return- looking at what bullying can look like, what an imbalance of power means, and the difference between bullying and conflict.

## ALICE & our schools

As we move closer to ALICE implementation (Staff training and professional development coming in May), providing parents and community members with a baseline of what to expect is helpful. Below you'll find the MA Task Force Report on School Safety and Security and a link to a video specifically for elementary implementation.

[MA Task Force Report: School Security](#)

[ALICE Training: Akron Elementary Schools](#)

## MCAS Dates

Please keep an eye on the upcoming testing schedule (beginning next week!). Woodsdale students will be tested in Mathematics and English Language Arts.

Testing will span across the following dates:

Grade 4 ELA: April 24- 27

Grade 3 Math: May 1-8

Grade 4 Math: May 15-18

*Links*

[Code.org](#)

[Explaining the News](#)

[Important District Forms](#)

[How to Raise a Reader \(NY Times\)](#)

[ALICE: K-12 program](#)

[Woodsdale Facebook](#)

[Bedtime Math](#)

[Abington Public Schools: Food Services](#)

[Chester J. Millett nomination packet](#)

